

7/29/68

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5000
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ReNktel 7/29/68.

Unless circumstances dictate to the contrary, you should, through your established sources at Shelby County Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain the contents of the letter addressed to Ray from [redacted] as described in referenced communication. This should be effected without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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SAC, Newark (44-854)

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NOTE: Newark advises that [redacted] has stated that [redacted] mailed registered letter on 7/26/68, to James Earl Ray, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn. Source advised there appeared to be a check inside the registered letter. [redacted] is described as a white male, age 43, 6'3" tall, 170 pounds. Bureau indices, Newark indices and Atlantic City Police Department files negative on [redacted] Credit Bureau, Atlantic City indicates [redacted] served in U. S. Army in 1945. His occupation is listed as a bartender.

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

No investigation is being conducted in this, however, Memphis is being advised that unless circumstances dictate to contrary they should, through established sources at Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain contents of letter. This is to be done without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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We have been advised that AUSA in Memphis in a nonrelated case completely researched the matter of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, having the right to censor incoming and outgoing mail of prisoners. He found the Sheriff has the legal right to do so.